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 TAGS: MARR, MOPS, PREL, ZA, OAU, UN, RW
 SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN CONTRIBUTION TO RWANDA PEACEKEEPING
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REF: ADDIS ABABA 4037 (NOTAL)

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. FOLLOWING UP ON REFTEL REPORT THAT ZAMBIA HAD
 PLEDGED TO THE OAU THAT IT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO A RWANDA
 PEACEKEEPING OPERATION, POLOFF DISCUSSED THE ISSUE WITH

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3. [REDACTED] CONFIRMED THAT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD MADE A COMMITMENT TO THE OAU -- AT THE MANDELA INAUGURATION IN SOUTH AFRICA AND PROBABLY IN ADDIS -- TO SEND FORCES TO RWANDA. HOWEVER, THE GRZ CABINET HAD NOT YET DISCUSSED THE ISSUE, AND THEREFORE NO FINAL DECISION HAS YET BEEN REACHED. [REDACTED] NOTED THAT CABINET HAS APPROVED THE DEPLOYMENT OF A BATTALION TO AN ANGOLAN PEACEKEEPING OPERATION.)

4. ZAMBIA HAS ALSO RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE U.N. FOR A RWANDA CONTRIBUTION -- THE U.N. ASKED FOR AN 800-MAN MECHANIZED BATTALION. THE GRZ HAS RESPONDED TO THE U.N. REQUEST VIA OAU HEADQUARTERS IN ADDIS, TELLING THE U.N. THAT WHILE MANPOWER IS NO PROBLEM, THE U.N. WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR THE DEPLOYMENT. (COMMENT: OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THIS SUPPORT WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE UP-FRONT FINANCING TO PURCHASE/REFURBISH VEHICLES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT. END COMMENT.) [REDACTED]

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RECALLED A RECENT CONVERSATION IN WHICH MINISTER OF DEFENSE BEN MWILA HAD OBSERVED THAT WITH 800 TROOPS ALREADY IN MOZAMBIQUE AND A FURTHER 800 COMMITTED TO ANGOLA, THE GRZ WOULD REQUIRE U.N. ASSISTANCE TO DEPLOY YET ANOTHER BATTALION TO RWANDA. [REDACTED] TOLD POLOFF, HOWEVER, THAT ASSUMING U.N. ASSISTANCE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING, IT WAS WITHIN THE ZAMBIAN ARMY'S CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT THE SIMULTANEOUS DEPLOYMENT OF 2400 MEN IN MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA, AND RWANDA.

5. COMMENT: WHILE [REDACTED] LATEST COMMENTS ARE SOMEWHAT MORE POSITIVE THAN THOSE HE MADE TWO WEEKS AGO TO THE VISITING FRENCH MILITARY ATTACHE (REPORTED SEPARATE CHANNEL), HE WAS CLEAR THAT FINAL DECISION ON DEPLOYING FORCES TO RWANDA HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE CABINET. END COMMENT.

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